

CLAIMS - CLEAN VERSION

What is claimed is:

1. (Amended.) A housing device for a frame containing one or more reeds [reed(s)] in a caller for producing sound to attract wild game, said housing device comprising essentially planar elastomeric material defining an essentially planar cavity adapted to relatively snugly capture the frame without interfering with the sound producing characteristics of the reed(s).
2. A housing device described in claim 1, wherein said housing comprises an essentially ventral aspect and an essentially dorsal aspect;
said cavity dorsally bounded by buttress of said housing, and opening towards said ventral aspect; and
said dorsal aspect comprising a flap essentially integrally extending dorsally from said buttress.
3. (Amended.) A housing device described in claim 2 wherein the caller essentially includes a pair of essentially horseshoe-shaped planar halves foldedly joined at their ends, each half mate-able with a corresponding plane of the other, said mated halves forming an upper plane and a lower plane as well as an essentially joined dorsal arc edge and respective ventral arc edges, essentially sandwiching therebetween at least one resiliently-flexible reed essentially spanning the ventrally oriented space essentially situated between the corresponding ventral arcs and the opposing pair of corresponding horseshoe arms, wherein said housing device comprises and defines an essentially quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity sized to relatively snugly envelop the upper and lower plane and the dorsal arc edge of the caller frame, said ventral aspect of said

housing comprising an essentially U-shaped ventral opening to said quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity.

4. A housing device described in claim 3, wherein said ventral aspect of said housing device further comprises an endstop for the end of each opposing arm of the caller frame.

5. A housing device described in claim 4, wherein said flap is essentially crescent, having an interior arc in integral extension from said housing buttress.

6. A housing device described in claim 5, sized for ready placement of the caller-housing combination at least near the palate of the user, said crescent flap adapted to relatively snugly contact the user's palate and prevent the passage of air between the palate and any reed.

7. A housing device described in claim 6, said flap comprising an upper surface adapted to mimic the contour of the user's palate.

8. (Amended.) A housing device described in claim 7 wherein said upper surface adapted to mimic the contour of the user's palate comprises an essentially convex surface.

9. A housing device described in claim 8 wherein said convex surface comprises a surface essentially formed as the contour of a human palate.

10. A housing device described in claim 7, said flap comprising an essentially concave lower

surface.

11. A combination caller and device for housing the frame containing the reed(s) in the caller for producing sound to attract wild game, said housing device comprising essentially planar elastomeric material defining an essentially planar cavity adapted to relatively snugly capture the frame without interfering with the sound producing characteristics of the reed(s).

12. A combination caller and housing device described in claim 11, said housing comprising an essentially ventral aspect and an essentially dorsal aspect;

said cavity dorsally bounded by buttress of said housing, and opening towards said ventral aspect; and

said dorsal aspect comprising a flap essentially integrally extending dorsally from said buttress.

13. A combination caller and housing device described in claim 12, wherein:

said caller comprising a pair of essentially horseshoe-shaped planar halves each mateable with a corresponding plane of the other, said mated pair forming an upper plane and a lower plane as well as an essentially joined dorsal arc edge and respective ventral arc edges, essentially sandwiching therebetween at least one resiliently-flexible reed essentially spanning the ventrally oriented space essentially situated between the corresponding ventral arcs and the opposing pair of corresponding horseshoe arms;

said housing comprising and defining an essentially quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity sized to relatively snugly envelop the upper and lower plane and the dorsal arc edge of the caller

frame, said ventral aspect of said housing comprising an essentially U-shaped ventral opening to said quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity.

14. A combination caller and housing device described in claim 13, wherein said ventral aspect of said housing device further comprises an endstop for the end of each opposing arm of the caller frame.

15. A combination caller and housing device described in claim 14, wherein said flap is essentially crescent, having an interior arc in integral extension from said housing buttress.

16. A combination caller and housing device described in claim 15 sized for ready placement of said caller-housing combination at least near the palate of the user, said crescent flap adapted to relatively snugly contact the user's palate and prevent the passage of air between the palate and any reed.

17. A combination caller and housing device described in claim 16, said flap comprising an upper surface adaptable to mimic the contour of the user's palate.

18. A combination caller and housing device described in claim 17, said contour-mimicking upper surface comprising an essentially convex surface.

19. A combination caller and housing device described in claim 18, said convex surface comprising a surface essentially formed as the contour of a human palate.

20. A housing device described in claim 16, said flap comprising an essentially concave lower surface.